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Reply to Office Action of June 14, 2006

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Three new "Replacement Sheets" of drawings consisting of Figs. 1-4 are submitted herewith pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

**REMARKS**

The drawing corrections are intended to correct the deficiencies noted at pages 2 - 4 of the Office Action of October 4, 2005.

The following changes have been made in the specification and claims:


1. The depiction of the splines in Fig. 1 has been corrected.
2. Figs. 1 and 2 have been corrected to identify the upper joint as 22 rather than 20.
3. Reference character 36 has been replaced by characters 36a and 36b in Fig. 2 and the specification.
4. The reference characters 40 have been removed in Fig. 2 and the specification.
5. The element originally identified as 36 in Fig. 4 has been changed to 76.
6. The reference characters 50, 74, 80 and 84 have been corrected to designate the respective elements noted in the specification.
7. The drawings have been corrected to illustrate the concepts noted in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the October 4, 2005 Office Action.

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Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Any questions may be directed to Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone and facsimile numbers provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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